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SUBJ: PRESIDENT HABYALIMANA AUGUST 1 SPEECH

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1. SUMMARY: AT AUGUST 1 CEREMONY INAUGURATING "SECOND REPUBLIC" AND PRESENTING NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT (SEPTEL), PRESIDENT HABYALIMANA DELIVERED COMPREHENSIVE AND SOBER SPEECH OUTLINING GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM. HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND ECONOMIC REALISM, RECOGNIZED RWANDA'S DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM, REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AS BASIS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FAVORED ORDERLY RWANDANIZATION OF ALL SECTORS AND STRESSED NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
HABYALIMANA MADE FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO TOURISM

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AS STIMULANT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH. HE TOOK OATH

OF OFFICE AS CHIEF OF STATE ALONGSIDE PRESIDENT
SUPREME COURT. END SUMMARY.

2. HABYALIMANA OPENED SPEECH WITH CRITICISM OF PREVIOUS REGIME'S POLICY OF "IMMOBILISME"/, REGIONALISM AND NEPOTISM. HE RECOUNTED THAT NATIONAL GUARD HAD TAKEN POWER BECAUSE OF PLOT TO KILL LEADING FIGURES, INCLUDING HIMSELF. ALTHOUGH 1959 REVOLUTION HAD BEEN DECISIVE STEP IN RWANDAN HISTORY, ITS AIMS HAD NOT BEEN MET. HE EMPHASIZED NEW GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE SHOULD BE COMPETENT, AS WELL AS ETHNICALLY AND REGIONALLY BALANCED.

3. NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE IMPROVED AND GENDARMERIE WILL BE CREATED TO INSURE INTERNAL SECURITY. NATIONAL SECURITY CAN ONLY BE ASSURED IF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SOLVED BUT GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PERFORM MIRACLES. HE DECLARED GOVERNMENT HAD CHANGED BUT PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT, PAUCITY NATURAL RESOURCES, POPULATION EXPLOSION, ETC. REMAINED.

4. PRESIDENT THUS EXPRESSED AWARENESS AND CONCERN OVER RWANDAN DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM. HE WARNED AGAINST DRASTIC PROPOSALS, HOWEVER, SAYING THAT SOLUTION MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH RWANDAN TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS.

5. ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY, PRESIDENT PROMISED IMPROVE PLANNING AND COORDINATION, END WASTE AND ENCOURAGE SMALL INDUSTRY. THERE SHOULD

BE ORDERLY RWANDANIZATION OF ALL SECTORS. IN THIS CONTEXT PRESIDENT REFERRED TO ROLE FOR FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTORS, WHO WOULD COME ONLY IF COUNTRY WAS PEACEFUL. GOVERNMENT WOULD INTERVENE IN PRIVATE SECTOR, HOWEVER, ONLY TO DEFEND NATION'S GENERAL INTERESTS. HE STATED THERE WAS NEED FOR GREATER EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE, BUT SUCH AID COULD ONLY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLEMENTARY TO EFFORTS OF RWANDANS THEMSELVES.

6. ON FOREIGN POLICY HABYALIMANA REPEATED DETERMINATION TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES AND OTHER OAU COUNTRIES. HE WANTED BETTER RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES THAT HELP RWANDA.

7. PRESIDENT REFERRED TO TOURISM AS A "MOTOR" FOR

DEVELOPMENT BUT WARNED THAT UNREGULATED TOURISM COULD HAVE DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON COUNTRY'S LIFE. HE STRESSED NEED TO TRAIN RWANDANS IN CONNECTION WITH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.

8. ON EDUCATION, HABYALIMANA PROMISED TO RE-ORIENT POLICY TOWARD PRACTICAL TRAINING TO MEET COUNTRY'S NEEDS. HE WARNED STUDENTS AGAINST TRYING TO RUN SCHOOLS. SCHOOL POPULATION WILL BE BALANCED ETHNICALLY AND REGIONALLY.

9. EMPHASIZING THAT RWANDA IS BASICALLY AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY, HABYALIMANA DWELT ON NEED FOR INTENSIFIED EXTENSION WORK. HE CALLED FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL CROPS.

10. AFTER SPEECH AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MINISTERS, HABYALIMANA WITH PRESIDENT SUPREME COURT AT HIS SIDE SOLEMNLY TOOK OATH OF OFFICE INVOKING ALMIGHTY AND SWEARING ALLEGIANCE TO REPUBLIC. EACH NEW MINISTER FOLLOWED SUIT, SOME TAKING OATH IN FRENCH AND OTHERS IN KINYARWANDA.

11. COMMENT: WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY REALISTIC AND SOBER APPROACH TAKEN BY HABYALIMANA IN ADDRESSING RWANDA'S MAIN PROBLEMS. GIVEN RWANDA'S MEAGER RESOURCES AND LIMITED TRAINED MANPOWER, IT WILL NOT BE EASY PROGRAM TO CARRY OUT. EMBASSY WILL POUCH FULL SPEECH TEXT.
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